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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made on the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras;

(b) if so, the result of such an assessment;

(c) whether additional funding are likely to be made available for Krishi Vigyan Kendra;

(d) if so the details thereof; and

(e) the manner Government propose to strengthen such organisations which are earmarked for farmers benefits?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A detailed review of the role and functioning of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) was made by constituting nine Quinquennial Review Teams (QRT) during 1993-94.

The Committee made a number of recommendations on identification of training needs and other technical programmes, linkage, functioning of Local Management Committee, operation of instructional farm, development of infrastructure, personnel and financial management. The recommendations of the Committee were implemented for further improving the functioning of the KVKs.

(c) & (d) There has been increased funding from Rs. 43.34 crores during 1997-98 to Rs. 49.23 crores during 1999-2000 for implementation of the KVK activities. During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 57.73 crores have been allotted.

(e) The KVK was designed as an institutional mechanism for providing skilled training to the farmers.The present activities of the KVK include technology assessment through on-farm testing in order to identify the location specificity of agricultural technology and front-line demonstrations to establish the production potential on the farmers fields; and its dissemination through training of farmers and in-service personnel.